



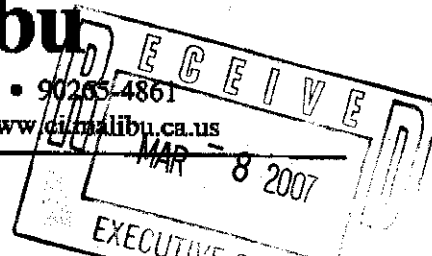
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3/20/07 BdMtg Item 6

IRWM

Deadline: 3/8/07 12 noon



March 5, 2007

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RE: Consideration of adoption of additional Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Funding List

Dear Ms. Doduc:

On February 20, 2007, the State Water Resources Control Board continued Item 6, the IRWM funding options, until the Board meeting of March 20, 2007.

The City of Malibu has a specific interest in one section of the funding discussions that needs to be clarified by the Board at its March 20 meeting. The staff report for the continued item states:

"State Water Board staff is proposing to use the remaining balance of the State Water Board's IRWM funds for implementation grants that are consistent with adopted Integrated Coastal Watershed Monitoring plans. The State Water Board and DWR funded nine Integrated Coastal Watershed Management grants in the planning grant phase of the IRWM program. The Integrated Coastal Watershed Management (California Water Code Section 79563.5) planning areas are coastal watersheds that influence water quality in an area of special biological significance (ASBS). The proposal would reserve funds for projects that eliminate or significantly reduce pollution in impaired waters and sensitive habitat areas, including ASBSs."

The City of Malibu is a signatory in the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Group, which was adopted on December 13, 2006 after a tremendous amount of cooperative work to meet the State's deadlines. While this IRWMP is not specifically designated a Coastal IRWMP by the SWRCB, it is consistent with the resource protection and water quality objectives contained in a Coastal IRWMP.

The City's jurisdiction within the Los Angeles County coastline contains more than eight miles designated as an Area of Special Biological Significance, which also extends northward into Ventura County. Known as the Malibu ASBS, it is the largest and, potentially, the most developed ASBS in the state.

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The purpose of this letter is to ensure that nothing in the Board's action would preclude a City of Malibu project application from being eligible for implementation funding simply because the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is not specifically designated a Coastal IRWMP, as long as the project itself is consistent with SWRCB objectives to eliminate or significantly reduce pollution in impaired waters and sensitive habitat areas.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 456-2489 ext. 226 or via email at jthorsen@ci.malibu.ca.us. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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